

www.gibill.va.gov

Step one: Click on Apply for Benefits.

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. The main navigation bar includes Home, Veteran Services, Business, About VA, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The left sidebar lists various services, with 'Education & Training' expanded to show 'Education & Training Home', 'For Students', 'For School Administrators', 'About GI Bill', 'Contact Us', 'Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment', 'Home Loans', 'Life Insurance', 'Pension', 'Special Groups', 'Services', 'Applying for Benefits', 'Locations', 'VBA Claims Transformation', 'VBA Performance', and 'About VBA'. The main content area is titled 'Education and Training' and features a large banner for the 'VA GI Bill Comparison Tool (beta)'. Below the banner, there are three tabs: 'Choose a School', 'Apply for Benefits', and 'Contact Us'. A red arrow points to the 'Apply for Benefits' tab. The 'Choose a School' tab is active, showing a description: 'Compare VA-approved institutions and review other information to choose the educational program that works best for you.' Below this is a 'Choose a School' button. To the right, there is a 'POST 9/11 GI BILL' section with 'FAQS' and a 'Submit a Question' button. At the bottom right, there is an 'eBenefits' section with a link to 'Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits'.

Step two: Click Apply for Benefits.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the VA Benefits Administration website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>. The page title is "Education and Training". The main navigation menu on the left includes options like "Pre-Discharge", "Compensation", "Education & Training", "For Students", "For School Administrators", "About GI Bill", "Contact Us", "Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment", "Home Loans", "Life Insurance", "Pension", "Special Groups", "Services", "Applying for Benefits", "Locations", "VBA Claims Transformation", "VBA Performance", and "About VBA". The "Education & Training" menu is expanded, showing "Education & Training Home", "For Students", "For School Administrators", "About GI Bill", "Contact Us", "Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment", "Home Loans", "Life Insurance", "Pension", "Special Groups", "Services", "Applying for Benefits", "Locations", "VBA Claims Transformation", "VBA Performance", and "About VBA".

The main content area features a large banner for the "VA GI Bill Comparison Tool (beta)" with a "START COMPARING" button. Below the banner, there are tabs for "Choose a School", "Apply for Benefits", and "Contact Us". The "Apply for Benefits" tab is selected, and a red arrow points to the "Apply for Benefits" button. The text under this tab reads: "You served with honor and you're ready to further your education and skills. If you qualify, apply for VA education and training benefits online, in person, or request an application over the phone." Below this text is a button labeled "Apply for Benefits".

On the right side of the page, there is a "POST 9/11 GI BILL" section with a "FAQS" button and a "Submit a Question" button. Below that is an "eBenefits" section with a "Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits" button and the URL www.ebenefits.va.gov. At the bottom right, there is a "VERIFY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE" section with the text "Keep receiving education".

The bottom of the screenshot shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system tray displaying the time as 9:57 AM on 2/12/2014.

Step three: Click on Apply Online.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>. The page is titled "Education and Training" and "Apply for Benefits". The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs logo is visible in the top left. The navigation menu includes "Home", "Veteran Services", "Business", "About VA", "Media Room", "Locations", and "Contact Us". The left sidebar contains a tree view of navigation options, with "Education & Training" expanded. A red arrow points to the "Apply for Benefits" link under the "For Students" section. The main content area lists three steps for applying for benefits: 1. Apply online today if you know which benefit you want to use. 2. Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person. 3. Consult with the VA Certifying Official—who is usually in the Registrar's or Financial Aid office—at the school of your choice. This official has application forms and can help you apply. A fourth step is also listed: Call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you. Below the list, there is a paragraph about using VA's interactive map to find regional offices. The right sidebar contains a "POST 9/11 GI BILL" logo, a "FAQS" section with a "Submit a Question" button, an "eBenefits" section with a "Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits" button and the URL www.ebenefits.va.gov, a "VERIFY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE" section, and a "RESOURCES" section.

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Education and Training

Apply for Benefits

Applying for your VA education benefits can be done in just a few steps:

- [Apply online](#) today if you know which benefit you want to use.
- Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person.
- Consult with the VA Certifying Official—who is usually in the Registrar's or Financial Aid office—at the school of your choice. This official has application forms and can help you apply.
- Call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you.

After you apply, use [VA's interactive map](#) to find out how quickly your regional office is processing education claims. Your education benefits are processed at one of four specialized regional claims processing centers in Atlanta; Buffalo, NY; Muskogee, OK; and St. Louis, MO.

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POST 9/11 GI BILL

FAQS

FAQs

Submit a Question

eBenefits

Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits

www.ebenefits.va.gov

VERIFY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Keep receiving education and training benefits from VA by [verifying your attendance](#).

RESOURCES

Step four: Decide which form you need?

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the VA Vets.gov website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/#>. The website header includes the VA Vets.gov logo, a search bar, and links for 'Sign In' and 'Register'. The main content area is titled 'Apply for Education Benefits' and features a dialog box titled 'Which form do you need to use?'. The dialog box is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Servicemembers and Veterans applying for education benefits' and contains a blue button labeled 'Apply with Form 22-1990'. A white arrow points to this button. The right column is titled 'If you are:' and lists three bullet points: 'A student who wants to change programs or schools', 'A spouse or dependent', and 'A candidate for National Call to Service'. Below these bullet points is a white button labeled 'Apply on eBenefits'. The background of the website is partially visible, showing a 'For Form 22-1990' warning icon and a 'What are the steps to apply with Form 22-1990?' section.

If you click Apply with Form 22-1990 (First-time applicant)

Step five: Apply with Form 22-1990.

The screenshot shows the VA Vets.gov website. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/>. The page title is "Apply for Education Benefits". The main heading is "Apply for Education Benefits". Below the heading, the text reads: "If you are a Servicemember or Veteran interested in education and training opportunities, use Form 22-1990 to apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)." A red arrow points to this text. To the right, there is a green button labeled "Start Form 22-1990" and a grey box stating "Usually processed within 30 days". Below the main heading, there is a yellow warning box with a triangle icon and the text: "For Forms 22-1990E, 22-1990N, 22-1995, 22-5490, and 22-5495. You must apply for education benefits using eBenefits.va.gov if you are:" followed by a list of eligibility criteria: "A spouse or dependent", "A survivor of a Veteran", "A candidate for The National Call to Service program", and "A current education benefit recipient who wants to change schools". Below the list is a button labeled "Apply on eBenefits".

Read "What are the steps to apply with Form 22-1990?"

What are the steps to apply with Form 22-1990?


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Prepare

Check your eligibility

You may be eligible for more than one benefit, based on your service. When you apply, you have to pick which one you want to use:

- [Post-9/11 GI Bill](#) (Chapter 33)
- [Montgomery GI Bill](#) (MGIB-AD, Chapter 30)
- [Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve](#) (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606)
- [Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program](#) (VEAP, Chapter 32)

[An accredited representative](#)  with a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) can help you pick the right program.

Learn about educational programs

- Compare estimated benefits by school using the [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#).

[GI Bill Comparison Tool](#)

What you need to fill out this application

- Social Security number
- Bank account direct deposit information
- Education and military history
- Basic information about the school or training facility where you want to attend

Step six: Click Start Form 22-1990

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Apply

[Start Form 22-1990](#)

Other Ways to Apply

- Go to a [VA regional office](#) and have a VA employee assist you.
- Work with your school's VA certifying official. This person is usually in the Registrar or Financial Aid office at the school of your choice.
- Call 888-442-4551 (888-GI-BILL-1) from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET Mon - Fri, to have the application mailed to you. Fill it out and mail it to your [VA regional claims processing office](#).

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VA Review

How long does it take VA to make a decision?

- We usually process claims within 30 days.

What should I do while I wait?

- The transition from military to civilian life can be challenging. VA offers [tools and counseling programs](#) to help you make the most of your educational options.

What if VA needs more information?

- We will contact you if we need more information.

Step seven: Click Get Started>>

The screenshot shows the VA Vets.gov website. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/apply>. The page header includes the VA logo and a search bar. The main content area features a navigation menu on the left with the following steps:

- 1 Veteran Information
- 2 Benefits Eligibility
- 3 Military History
- 4 Education History
- 5 Employment History
- 6 School Selection

The main content area is titled "Apply for education benefits (Form 22-1990)". It contains the following text:

Fill out this application to **apply for** your official Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for the education benefit you want. Before you continue, please note that the presence of form fields indicates information is being collected.

You won't be able to save your work or come back to finish. So before you start, it's a good idea to gather information about your military and education history, and the school you want to attend.

This application is based on VA Form 22-1990.

[Get Started >](#)

What you will need:

- **Your routing and account number for direct deposit.**

Forms:

- **Form 22-1990**
- **Form 22-1990E**
- **Form 22-1995**
- **Form 22-5490**
- **Form 22-5495**

Black River Technical College Mailing Address:

- **P.O. Box 468**
Pocahontas, AR 72455

What chapter are you?

- **Chapter 30-Active Duty (Marines, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard)**
- **Chapter 33- 9/11 Deployments**
- **Chapter 1606-National Guard-Reserves**
- **Chapter 1607 (REAP)-National Guard and Reserves-Deployed**
- **Chapter 35-Spouses and Dependents of Veterans**